

**PORT & RESOURCE RECOVERY DEPARTMENT**



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**PROCEEDINGS OF THE BROWN COUNTY HARBOR COMMISSION**

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A meeting was held on **Monday, June 9, 2014**  
Brown County Resource Recovery Facility, 2561 S Broadway, Green Bay, WI

1) The meeting was officially called to order by Neil McKloskey at 11:30 am.

2) Roll Call:

Present: President Neil McKloskey  
Vice-President Craig Dickman  
Commissioner Bernie Erickson  
Commissioner Greg Flisram  
Commissioner Hank Wallace  
Commissioner John Hanitz  
Commissioner Tom Klimek

Also Present: Dean Haen, Brown County P&RR  
Mark Walter, Brown County P&RR  
Mark Rahmlow, Office of Congressman Reid Ribble  
Allan Jamir, Brown County Board Supervisor (District #18)

Excused: Commissioner Bryan Hyska  
Commissioner Ron Antonneau

3) Election of Officers

Neil McKloskey's term is up and would like to step down as an officer.

**A motion to open up election and approve the nomination of Craig Dickman as President was made by Bernie Erickson and seconded by John Hanitz. A motion to close the nominations was made by Bernie Erickson and seconded by Hank Wallace. Unanimously approved.**

**A motion to open up election and approve the nomination of Tom Klimek as Vice-President was made by Neil McKloskey and seconded by Hank Wallace. A motion to close the nominations was made by Bernie Erickson and seconded by John Hanitz. Unanimously approved.**

4) Approval/Modification – Meeting Agenda

Chuck Kuehn would like to address the Port Opportunity Study related to Boat Yard Marine. It was decided to add this in after agenda item #10.

**A motion to modify and approve the modified agenda was made by John Hanitz and seconded by Tom Klimek.** Unanimously approved.

5) Approval/Modification – April 23, 2014 Meeting Minutes

**A motion to modify and approve the minutes of April 23, 2014 was made by Bernie Erickson and seconded by Neil McKloskey.** Unanimously approved.

6) Budget Status Report – Request for Approval

Staff provides the Planning Development & Transportation Committee quarterly financial status reports. Staff had put together a first quarter report that shows how the department is performing in relationship to the budget and anything out of the ordinary is spelled out in the highlights.

**A motion to approve the Budget Status Report was made by Hank Wallace and seconded by John Hanitz.** Unanimously approved.

7) Cat Island Management Plan – Request for Approval

There are still some construction items to be finished this year including; the off-loading area needs to be dredged and Lineville Road needs to be resurfaced. The Cat Island Advisory Committee has started to put together a Cat Island Management Plan. This plan would eventually become a part of the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Maintenance Plan for Cat Island. This management plan looks at all of its partners and points out their responsibilities. Site access, vegetation management and facility transfer falls under Brown County's role and responsibility. The management plan also explains the USACE giving up some authority for invasive species, shaping the island, research and access.

**A motion to approve the Cat Island Management Plan was made by John Hanitz and seconded by Tom Klimek.** Unanimously approved.

8) WCPA Annual Meeting August 22, 2014 Green Bay, WI – Update

For 2014, the Port of Green Bay will be hosting the WCPA Annual meeting here in Green Bay. This year the meeting will be a little different. On Thursday August 21, there will be a Wisconsin Port Master Plan stakeholder meeting at the Neville Museum in the afternoon. Friday August 22, the business meeting along with the networking and education will occur. After the meeting, for those interested can attend the Packer pre-season football game.

9) Renard Island – Update

In May, the County Board had approved ownership transfer of the Causeway. The department is now working with USACE on ownership documents for the island and causeway transfer. An USACE letter of approval for the fish spawning reef was issued, Peter's Concrete will lower the elevation of the causeway and the USACE will purchase and install the box culvert which was the biggest cost item. These activities are scheduled to be completed between now and September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2014. A suggestion to recognize the work should be done with public relations. If a ceremony would take place, an invitation should be extended to PD&T and other board members that played a role in this 25-year project.

10) WRDDA - Update

An analysis of the Water Resources Reform and Development Act (WRRDA) bill passed Congress and the President signed this bill into Law. There should now be more dredging dollars available for nationwide ports including some funds for small harbors. The Great Lakes contains a lot of small harbors. The bill also identifies the Great Lakes navigation system and a single entity similar to the inland waterways.

11) Port Opportunity Study

In December 2013, the Board had approved the *Port of Green Bay Economic Opportunity Study* that Brown County Planning & Land Services had done. The study was a revision of an old document that helps the Port identify area for growth and documents all existing infrastructure. Charles Kuehn owns a boat yard in the Port and wanted to discuss with the Board how this study relates to him.

**A motion was made to suspend the rules to hear from interested parties by Bernie Erickson and seconded by Neil McKloskey.** Unanimously approved.

Charles Kuehn has been running a boat yard for 14 years in Green Bay. Mr. Kuehn received a copy of the *Port of Green Bay Economic Opportunity Study* and starting investigating and reading the study. He wanted to attend the Commission Board meeting to express that he is all for progressing the Port of Green Bay and stands behind the study, but wanted the Commission to recognize his concerns.

**A motion was made to return to regular session by Neil McKloskey and seconded by John Hanitz**

12) Director's Report – Update

For nearly ten years, the US has struggled with ballast water. The US Coast Guard and USACE could not act quick enough which then led to the States each establishing their own set of regulations. The US Coast Guard then came out with federal regulations and all parties are now in the process of getting the regulations consistent. There is prototype ballast water equipment that is being developed and eventually installed. With the US rules, any vessel that is a salt water

vessel needs to have a ballast water management system with an exemption for the US Lakers because they stay within the Great Lakes. Now Canada is looking at establishing ballast water regulations. US regulations will require sixty to eighty percent of Canadian ships to have ballast water management systems because the ships travel outside the Great Lakes. Canada regulations are proposing to regulate US Lakers. Any US Ship that travels into Canadian waters will be required to have a ballast water management system. At this time the Canadian Lobbyist and ship companies are in Washington trying to undo some of the US regulations or threaten to impose their own regulations upon US Lakers.

The budget will be brought to July's Harbor Commission meeting on the 21<sup>st</sup>.

13) Audit of Bills – Request for Approval

**A motion to approve the Bills was made by Neil McKloskey and seconded by Hank Wallace.** Unanimously approved.

14) April Tonnage Report – Request for Approval

In April of 2013 there were 15 ships, this past April there was five due to the long cold winter. This May was very successful with an over 13% increase compared to May of 2013. Overall, total tonnage is down 25% and 19% in ships.

**A motion to approve the April Tonnage Report was made by Neil McKloskey and seconded by Bernie Erickson.** Unanimously approved.

15) Such Other Matters as Authorized by Law

No other matters as authorized by Law.

16) Adjourn

**A motion to adjourn was made by Neil McKloskey and seconded by Bernie Erickson.** Unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned at 9:22 pm.

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Craig Dickman, President  
Harbor Commission

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